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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1024

DATE: June 27, 2011

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Dentists, Rural Health Clinics,

Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Birthing Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Remedial Services

Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Annual Training, Health Information Technology Component

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. The IME successfully launched its 2011 Annual Provider Training series on June 6, 2011, and we have been pleased with the provider attendance. Thanks to those who have already registered and/or attended.

This letter is to provide information regarding the Health Information Technology (HIT) component of annual training as this is a new session and the IME encourages attendance. Below are the details of the HIT sessions:

What is covered:

- HIT initiatives in Iowa, including Health Information Exchange
- Electronic Health Records incentive payment program for eligible professionals and hospitals
- Resources to assist providers in adopting and implementing HIT, including services of the Regional Extension Center and the Midwest Community College HIT Consortium
- Introduction to a health home model of care that reimburses providers for coordinating care for members with chronic conditions

Who should attend:

- Chief Information Officers, or designee
- Chief Financial Officers, or designee
- Office managers
- Practice professionals interested in innovative, coordinated care delivery systems

How do I register?:

Go to http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/ATRegistration.html to register for the Health Information Technology training module in a city near you.

We encourage you to sign up for this module as we continue to educate providers on health IT initiatives, but also gather feedback from providers on how health IT can improve provider interaction with the IME.